

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

AUGUST 15, 2017

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Dr. John Williams was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker announced that Bob Miller, former Chief of Police, passed away. The services are tomorrow at Mosters.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they are making progress with the remodel. They are working to complete the heating and the doors.

Park – Park Director Burklow said they have decided that the location for the dog park will be at South Memorial Park at the location of the old sunken garden.

Animal – Warden Moran said they raised \$320.00 at the pool for “Pooches @ the Pool”. The regular inspection took place last week, a report will follow.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

ANIMAL CONTROL HEARING: VICIOUS ANIMAL – This hearing was called due to incidents with an animal owned by Sonny and Gina Stanley. This hearing was requested by Gina Stanley.

Director Moran reported that on July 29, 2017 a husky dog owned by Sonny and Gina Stanley killed 2 dogs. The animal was brought in and placed in quarantine. The dog was tested and failed the animal interaction testing, but passed the human interaction testing. It was the recommendation of 2 local veterinarians that the animal be sent to a rescue for rehabilitation. Moran contacted different rescues, but no one would make a commitment. Moran submitted

reports from Dr. Philips and Dr. Jackman along with the police report. She said in her opinion the dog needs to be put to sleep. Moran also reported that the dog was not current on a rabies vaccine.

Gina Stanley said they did not know about the reports. They asked that the animal not be put down. Sonny Stanley said they bought a kennel for the dog so it will not be loose. The Stanley's said the animal is not vicious, but it doesn't interact with other animals well. It is like a family member and they care for it like a child. It has had shots but not the rabies shot.

Billy Harrison said her dog was killed by the Husky and she witnessed the attack. She said she also heard it has also killed kittens. Harrison said the animal should not be let loose because it will kill again.

Chris Shelton said she was sitting on her porch and the dog charged her Yorkie, also killing this animal. Shelton said it could attack a child. It needs to be put down.

Mayor Pavey asked Moran if she had checked with any of the rescues. She said she did but did not receive any response. The dog has been in our care for 16 days. It was under quarantine for 10 days, and was then held until we could have this hearing.

Cameron said according to the Vet reports it doesn't sound like they think the dog was playing. He asked if the dog was cleared for rabies. Moran said the dog did not have rabies.

Newhouse requested that the request for hearing and the letters from the veterinarians be attached to the minutes.

Cameron made a motion to destroy the animal due to the nature of the attacks. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rental Equipment** – Pavey presented a red line version as a recommendation for the policy. He asked the Board to review for the next meeting.
2. **Park Department Hiring Recommendation** – Director Burklow asked the Board to consider Thurston Owens as the Assistant Park Director with a start date of tomorrow. McGowan moved to accept the recommendation of Burklow. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried
3. **Community Park Redesign and Improvements** – Mayor Pavey said they have been discussing making improvements and redesigning the park. They would also like to change the name of the park to The Carol Jenkins Park.
4. **Alley Vacation Policy/Procedures** – Pavey said everything is in place for Council to approve at their meeting.

5. **211 N Main Recommendation Ara** – Deb Lilly said there was one offer to purchase. She recommended that we accept this offer. Cameron moved to accept the offer from Pinnacle Martial Arts. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried with McGowan abstaining from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Patrolman Resignation** - Chief Tucker presented the resignation of Brandon Meyer. Meyer's last day will be August 22, 2017. Tucker handed out a packet of information. Tucker asked to look on page 3 of the agreement in the section with the dollar amounts. Tucker said we hired Meyer and put him through the police academy so he would fall into the 1st column. Meyer questioned the amount for uniforms since most of his uniform equipment was purchased while he was a reserve, he also received hand me downs, therefore, he said the amount would be less than \$2,500.00 actually due. Invoices were pulled and placed in the packet. Tucker said he agreed that the cost should be reduced since the receipts totaled \$1,225.58. Tucker said he would ask that that number be adjusted to reflect the correct dollar amount.

Meyer said the actual charge by the academy is zero dollars and the agreement has a charge of \$7,500.00. Meyer said he would like that item to be removed from the cost owed back to the police department. Pavey asked if an officer is paid while at the academy. Meyer said yes they are paid while at the academy. Meyer said wages are protected under US Code 29 CFR 785427.

Cameron made a motion to table to have the attorney look into the matter further. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Registration to Start Police Hiring** – Chief Tucker asked for permission to begin the hiring process. McGowan made a motion to begin the hiring process. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Bid Recommendation City Center ADA-GC** – Dan Rawlins from InterDesign recommended that Performance Services, Inc. be authorized to proceed with Phase 1 Progressive Design-Build Services for a fee of \$195,000.00, which will be included as a component part of overall Design-Build Services defined in the Phase 1 Report that will not exceed a Guaranteed Maximum price that will be defined in the Phase 1 Report and will not exceed an overall project budget of \$3,800,000.00. Cameron moved to proceed with the ADA project with Performance Services Inc. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cameron moved to proceed with Phase 1 of the Progressive Design-Build project for \$195,000.00 with Performance Services, Inc. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Cameron moved to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.